(c) As on 1-3-93 the total amount of arrears outstanding is Rs. 21.00 crores. The nafes of first ten parties in arrears and amount of the arrears against each of them is given below:—

Name of the Party	Amount of arrears (Rs. in crores)
Simplex Mills, Akola	5.35
Stretch Fibre, Nagpur	2.75
Hari Vishnu Packaging Ltd., Nagpur	2.30
Hindustan Lever Ltd., Khamgaon	0.52
Wox Collers, Nagpur	0.48
Central Cables Ltd., Nagpur	0.42
Ashok Babulal Wadhwani, Gondia	0.38
Nagpur Alloys Casting, Nagpur	0.38
Chandrapur Conductors Pvt. Ltd., Chandrapur	0.37
Ballarpur Ind. Ltd., Ballarpur.	0.33

Income Tax arrears from Assessees of Vidarbha Region

2528. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the first twenty five largest Income tax payers in the Nagpur (Vidarbha) region of Maharashtra and the amount of Income tax paid or due on them for the last three years;

(b) what is the total amount of Income tax collected from Vidarbha region during the last three years;

(c) what is the total amount of arrears due and the names of the first ten parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

..Pending cases under Benami Transaction Act

2529. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending under Benami Transations Act (Prohibition) 1988;

(b) what is the total value involved;

(c) since, how long they are pending;

(d) what is the stage of each case; and

(e) what is the number of cases that have been settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Sir, the authority to be prescribed for implementing the Act and the procedure to be followed by the authority in respect of agricultural and non-agricultural transactions are under the active consideration of the Government. Since a final

decision on the issue is still under consideration, no cases have been registered so far.

(b) to (e) In view of reply to (a) above, these questions do not arise.

Standard Deduction form Pensions of Ex-MPs. and Freedom Fighters

2530. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision of standard deduction from income tax from the pension drawn by ex-Members of Parliament and the freedom fighters; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) There is no such provision in the Income Tax Act, 1961.

(b) *Does not arise.*

Officers Union in Bank of Maharashtra

2531. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) which is the recognised and largest officers union in Bank of Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is represented in the Board of Directors of the same Bank; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) The post of officer employee Director on the Board of Bank of Maharashtra is at present vacant. The Bank has taken up the process of verification of membership of the officers association and an officer employee Director on the Board of Bank of Maharashtra will be appointed by the Government after the Bank finalises the verification process, and takes a decision about the officer's association having majority.

Collection of Tax on the basis of information

2532. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total tax collected basing on the information of informers during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) what is the amount spent in rewarding the informants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The Direct Taxes are collected by the Income Tax Department at several stages before and after the completion of assessments as also on finalisation of appeals etc. Part of the taxes collected may result from information furnished by informers while the remaining may be voluntary payment as well as tax collected due to the investigation made by the Income-tax department. On the other hand, stay orders may be obtained against searches and seizures, assessments, recovery proceedings etc. Therefore, consolidated year-wise record of collection of taxes resulting alone from information furnished by informers is not maintained in the Income-tax department.

Similarly Customs and Central Excise department also does not maintain separate figures of tax collection, on the basis of information furnished by Informants. The time, effort and expenditure involved in the maintenance of this information would not be